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TAGS: EAIR, ASAF, NP

SUBJECT: RNAC AIR SAFETY AND USG TRAVEL

REF: KATHMANDU 2032

1. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE CAUSED BY
BLANKET CURTAILMENT OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ON RNAC'S SMALLER
AIRCRAFT. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD
CLOSELY MONITOR ALL OFFICIAL TRAVEL ON RNAC'S SMALLER
AIRCRAFT TO ENSURE THAT TRAVEL IS KEPT TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

2. LACKING OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION OF RNAC MAINTENANCE
PROCEDURES, OUR ONLY INDICATOR IS RNAC ACCIDENT RECORD OVER
TIME. THOUGH RNAC MAY BELIEVE IT HAS A COMMENDABLE RECORD,
WE ARE LESS SANGUINE LOOKING AT ACCIDENTS WHICH HAVE
OCCURED AND NOTING COMMENTS MADE BY STARCK AND OTHERS
(EVEN MAKING ALLOWANCE FOR KATHMANDU RUMOR MILL). WE THERE-
FORE ENCOURAGE EMBASSY TO CONTINUE EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE
OF CORRECTIVE ACTION AND URGING GON TO APPROVE PROPOSED
UNDP/ICAO AIR SAFETY PROJECT. IF FOR SOME REASON THERE

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IS FURTHER UNDUE DELAY WE MIGHT THEN RECONSIDER QUESTION

OF SUGGESTING FAA ADVISOR VISIT NEPAL.

3. VOICE RECORDER TAPE FROM CRASHED PORTER DELIVERED
TO NTSB. INGERSOLL

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